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Subject: Regional Transit-Oriented Development

Dear Joint Policy Committee Member:

I support your steps toward connecting land use to transit. Please strengthen the proposed Regional Transit-Oriented Development Policy with a Livable Communities Platform below

MTC has the pivotal opportunity to help create livable communities by planning for housing, jobs and shops near transit supports our transit investments and also creates great places to live, work and play.

The Livable Communities Platform includes:

- Plan for compact development so that at least half the new housing built in the Bay Area is located in the half-mile radius station areas.
- Promote affordable housing in station areas.
- Prohibit big-box developments in station areas.
- Minimize the space dedicated to parking in station areas.
- Ensure there are bicycle and pedestrian routes to and within station areas., where auto traffic is not a hazard

I know that MTC is considering a policy that calls for a certain amount of housing and jobs along transit corridors as a measure for growth. While I applaud the focus on housing, I am concerned that the proposed policy leaves too much room for the possibility of poorly planned station areas.

Thank you,
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"Insult and war are the consequences of a want of respectability in the national character."

- Thomas Jefferson

"No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."

- James Madison

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